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Farm Workers Request Okay On Strike Here

Central Labor Union of Monterey County has been requested to grant blanket strike sanction to the Salinas Valley Farm Labor Union Council against the Tomato Growers Association, the Salinas Vegetable Growers Association and the Salinas Valley Shipper-Grower Association, according to Secretary Alfred J. Clark of the labor council.

Clark said the labor council was holding the request in abeyance pending an investigation. He said the farm worker group would be requested to submit a full list of firms against which strike sanction was sought in order that the unusual hearing could be held by the labor council to determine if sufficient cause exists for the strike approval.

Carl Lara, former president, returned to the labor council as a delegate from Farm Labor Union 294. Lara resigned his council post to accept an appointment as an A. F. of L. representative in Puerto Rico and later returned to California as representative for the farm workers.

Business at the Sept. 14 meeting of the labor council included report by R. A. Wood, labor council president, of plans for a county-wide survey to be made for the new Industrial Committee with Southern Pacific Railway and the Pacific Gas & Electric Company financing the survey.

Wood said the Industrial Committee had raised the $25,000 needed in order to receive a like amount from the City of Salinas and the County Board of Supervisors. Permanent organization of the industry-seeking group will be set up shortly and new officers and committees selected.

Harvey Baldwin, business agent of Salinas Carpenters Union 925, informed the labor council that he had attended a meeting of the Salinas School Board and that he received the opinion that the board resented the presence of an official labor delegation. Use of inferior hardware on various schools is being investigated by the labor council.

T-H Injunction Forces End of Copper Strike

Denver (LPA) — A Taft-Hartley injunction granted Sept. 5 by a federal judge here ended the nine-day nationwide copper strike of 52,000 members of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, which had idled 48,000 members of AFL unions and Rail Brotherhoods. Net effect was to tie the workers' hands for 80 days.

LABORERS 272, PLEASE NOTICE

Any member of Construction and General Laborers Union 272 of Salinas who may be unemployed should contact the union's office in the Salinas Labor Temple at once.

Work for union laborers is expected to show a sharp gain shortly and local union members will get preference on all jobs over outsiders who may come into the Salinas area.

WRAY D. EMPIE,
Bus. Agent, L. U. 272.

Carpenters Sell Property Share For Salinas L.T.

Sale of all interests in property at Lincoln and Howard streets in downtown Salinas by Carpenters Union 925 to Laborers Union 272 was announced last week by Randolph Fenchel, president of the Laborers Union Hall Association.

The sale of interest in the property was necessitated by an international ruling against partnerships by carpenter unions with other organizations in a Labor Temple, it was reported.

Spokesmen said the plans for construction of a building on the site, near the Salinas City Hall, were continuing and that the Laborers Union alone would go ahead with the building program.

Original plans called for joint ownership of a proposed new Labor Temple for Salinas. Local 272 now owns the aging Labor Temple at 117 Pajaro street while Local 925 owns Carpenters Hall at 422 North Main street.

Meanwhile, no action for disposal of the present Labor Temple property has been taken by Local 272, pending further plans for a new hall.

Bakery Drivers Plan 5-Day Week

All wholesale bread companies under contract with General Teamsters Union 890 will start a five-day week with no deliveries on Wednesday or Sunday, starting with Wednesday, Oct. 3, according to Peter A. Andrade, secretary of Local 890.

The union has called a meeting of all retail bakery operators for 8 p. m. this Friday at the union's headquarters, 274 E. Alisal, Salinas, to explain the union's position in the five-day-week plan.

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LLPE Maps '52 Strategy; No Blanket Demo Backing



NEW WSB HEAD—Nathan Feinsinger, professor of law at University of Wisconsin, is the new chairman of the Wage Stabilization Board. He replaces Dr. George W. Taylor, who is returning to his position as professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business. (LPA).

Carpenters 925 Apprenticeship Committee Meets

First meeting of the new Joint Apprenticeship Committee of contractors and Carpenters Union 925 in Salinas was held last Thursday night but election of chairman and secretary was postponed because of absence of members.

Harvey Baldwin, business agent of Local 925, said the new members of the union on the committee are Virgil Francis and Russell Jeska. New contractor member is Tom Mill. Also attending the meeting was Earle H. Meyer, state apprenticeship representative.

The carpenter apprentices, 38 in number, selected Raymond Martinez, employed by Stone & Webster Corporation, to represent them at the apprenticeship committee meeting, Baldwin added.

Full attendance is reported at the school classes for apprentice carpenters. Three classes are being held regularly at Salinas Union High School.

Apprentice instructors this year are Max Brewer, R. L. Thurman, and Recording Secretary A. O. Miller of Local 925.

When you have to swallow your own medicine, the spoon seems about three times as large.

Warning on the hazards of the enemy screaming through its press and radio that labor bosses are purging a candidate or "he's a labor candidate" as a means of swaying public feelings and further warning that the AFL is not in the pocket of the Democratic party, featured preliminary statements of the AFL's political arm during the San Francisco AFL convention.

Thus, we must not over-emphasize united labor support for a candidate and thereby give our enemies the opportunity to label him as such and arouse resentment from other potential supporters, the executive committee of Labor's League for Political Education declared.

"United action by all unions in support of the same candidate is obviously desirable," the committee said. "However, unity in action rather than unity on the letterhead is what's important. If anything, in 1950 too much emphasis was placed on having all branches of labor publicly listed as sponsoring every pamphlet or billboard under some such title as United Labor Political Committee.

"In some instances that only played into the hands of our enemies, who pointed to our own publicity and said: 'See, the labor bosses have teamed up to purge me.' We try to avoid letting our enemies make labor, as such, the issue. If our enemies can, they will try to divert voter attention from their own bad records."

The tactics of 1950, the committee warned, "should serve as a preview of what we can expect in 1952, only on an even larger and more vicious scale." It pointed out that reactionary, anti-labor candidates after their defeat in 1948 decided not to discuss issues but to rely on "huge expenditures of money, character assassination, and outright misrepresentation."

First week of the convention was taken up largely by speeches from a host of dignitaries, which emphasized their regard for labor's audience on the eve of the 1952 election year. President Truman sent a lengthy message outlining the twin dangers of communism and inflation.

LOBBIES SICKENING

Very well received were the speeches of Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston, Gov. Sidney McMath of Arkansas, and Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing.

Johnston said "we are in a lull, but the typhoon is coming," sharply attacking controls-weakening changes in the NPA. He said he was sickened by the host of selfish people who sought to defeat controls.

Other speakers included Erle Cocke Jr., national American Legion commander, and Secy. of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman.

James L. McDevitt, president of Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, was named new head of the LLPE, succeeding Joseph D. Keenan, secretary of the AFL Building Trades Department and assistant defense production chief. He announced that the AFL's 107 union presidents will be called to Washington in November to map a great voter registration drive.

The LLPE executive committee singled out California's wealthy Senator Wm. F. Knowland and said "what the league must do is to get the eyes of California voters on Knowland's record of action," which it plainly indicated has been completely anti-labor.

There are no age limitations on eligibility for veterans' reemployment rights under Selective Service legislation.

Kickoff Slated Friday to Kill P.G. Sales Tax

Organized labor will play a prominent part in the circulation of petitions in Pacific Grove in an effort to kill the new city sales tax, which is scheduled to become effective on Oct. 1.

A "kickoff breakfast" meeting of all opponents to the sales tax will be held at 8 a. m. Saturday at the Forest Hill Hotel in Pacific Grove, at which time the petitions against the sales tax will be started in circulation. The petitions will be sent to the Pacific Grove City Council as soon as sufficient names are secured.

Speakers at the breakfast meeting will be headed by Edgar Sayre, member of the Sacramento City Council and a certified public accountant, who will tell how the successful campaign in Sacramento resulted in repeal of the city sales tax there.

Other speakers will be Nels E. Pedersen and James F. Dunn, business and merchant representatives on the Tax Repeal Committee. Dr. Joseph D. Blacow, member of the faculty of Monterey Peninsula College, will be chairman for the meeting.

Breakfast will be $1 each person and all persons interested in repeal of the sales tax are urged to attend. Labor leaders will be among the crowd.

Spokesmen said they expected it would take only a short time to get sufficient names on the petitions to present them, with a proposed repeal ordinance, to the City Council. The council, in turn, must either adopt the ordinance as set forth by the petitions or call a special referendum election on the sales tax.

In Carmel and Monterey, where city sales tax ordinances also become effective on Oct. 1, the move in Pacific Grove for repeal is being watched very carefully by public and community leaders, it was reported.

Fenchel Funeral Held Monday

Private funeral services were held Monday at the Struve & Laporte Funeral Home in Salinas for Henry Fenchel, pioneer Salinas tailor and father of Randolph Fenchel, president of the Salinas Labor Temple Assn.

Mr. Fenchel passed away Sept. 14. Funeral plans were delayed pending return of a daughter from a trip East. Mr. Fenchel was a native of Hassen, Germany, and opened his tailor shop in Salinas in 1906. He passed away after a long illness.

CRIPPLED CARE UP

Washington.—More children received care under state crippled children's program during 1950 than in any year since the program started.

TEAMSTERS PLAN RADIO PROGRAMS STARTING MONDAY

Weekly radio broadcasts will be sponsored by General Teamsters Union 890 over Station KDON (1460 kc) starting next Monday night, the union announced last week.

The series will be at 8 p. m. Mondays. First program runs for 30 minutes, including a 15-minute story on American history starring Milton Berle, followed by a special union program of Local 890.

Union Secretary Peter A. Andrade said the radio series would include the following for the first 13 weeks:

Oct. 1—"Flight Into Eternity," starring Milton Berle in the story of Capt. John Yeager, first man to fly faster than sound in the X-1.

Oct. 8—"You'll Never Walk Again," starring Otto Kruger. The story of Franklin D. Roosevelt's battle to walk.

Oct. 15—"There Are None So Blind," starring Tallulah Bankhead in the story of Helen Keller.

Oct. 22—"Balck Magic," starring John Carradine as the master magician, Houdini.

Oct. 29—"Chicago's Atomic Death Warrant," starring Ralph Bellamy in the story of the first Atomic Pile.

Nov. 5—"Casey Jones," starring J. Edward Bromberg as the famous engineer.

Nov. 12—"The Rebirth of a Nation," starring Edward C. Robinson in the story of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, founder of Israel.

Nov. 19—"Capone," starring Joseph Calleia as America's most notorious product of the prohibition era.

Nov. 26—"P. T. Barnum," starring Edward Arnold as the world's greatest showman.

Dec. 3—"Savior of the South," starring Canada Lee as George Washington Carver.

Dec. 10—"Winter Soldier," starring Richard Whorf as the writer, Tom Paine.

Dec. 17—"Washout," starring Jose Ferrer as West Point Cadet Dwight D. Eisenhower who overcame a football injury which almost ended his career.

Dec. 24—"Against All Odds," starring Mercedes McCambridge as Molly Pitcher.

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GROUP LIFE TO GO WITH HEALTH PLAN

A "package plan," combining group life insurance with the prepaid health benefits of California Physicians' Service, soon will be offered for the first time in northern California to employed groups of 10 or more persons.

The group life insurance, as group insurance for accidental death and dismemberment, will be provided by West Coast Life Insurance Company.

Until a recent revision in State of California law, group life insurance was limited to employed groups of 25 or more persons. The new law, which becomes effective September 22, drops the minimum employee requirement to ten.

The change in the law, applying only to the insurance features being provided by West Coast Life, has no bearing on group enrollment requirements for CPS health benefits. CPS group enrollments always have been available to employed groups of five or more persons.

CPS is the Blue Shield plan in California. In its last fiscal year, CPS paid out more than $20,000,000 to doctors and hospitals for medical, surgical and hospital services received by members.

West Coast Life, with its home office in San Francisco, is one of the leading insurance companies in the West.

BUTCHERS STUDY CONTRACT IDEAS IN DISTRICT MEET

With Santa Cruz retail butchers represented officially for the first time, the District Council of Butchers Union 506 met at the San Jose Labor Temple last Sunday to study contract problems and lay plans for negotiations which will be started shortly.

Executive Secretary Earl A. Moorhead of Local 506 said retail butchers are seeking wage increases of $5.40 per week while all wholesale industry butchers are asking an increase of $6 per week. In addition, the entire Santa Cruz area contract is to be opened for negotiations in an effort to bring this agreement into conformity with the rest of the jurisdiction of Local 506. Santa Cruz butchers came into Local 506 just recently when the Santa Cruz Local 266 was dissolved.

Moorhead said employers and their representatives have been notified of the union's proposals and that negotiations for the new agreements will be started at once.

The district council meeting was well attended, with delegates from branches of Local 506 in Palo Alto, San Jose, Monterey, Salinas, Hollister, Watsonville and Santa Cruz.

NEW MEMBER BONUS

LONDON (LPA).—A bonus of 10 shillings ($1.40) is offered any rail unionist who "entices a new employee into one of the 'key' grades" of the railroad service. And there'll be another 10 shillings when the recruit completes two months' work.

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BIG UNION-SHOP VOTES MAY FORCE CHANGE IN T-H LAW

You soon may be able to get union shop agreements in your contracts without elections.

On Aug. 21 the Senate passed a bill allowing the signing of union shop agreements without first making workers vote on them. The Senate proposal still must be acted on by the House. The House probably will approve it.

The Taft-Hartley Act now provides no union shop agreement can be made unless a majority of the workers affected approve it in an election held by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

This is one of the many stupid provisions in the Taft-Hartley Act. It was put in the law by labor-hating Senators and Representatives who thought the provision would show that workers don't want unions.

But, the scheme of the Tafts and Hartleys backfired. Last year 96 per cent of union shop elections (5376 out of 5589) were won by unions. Eighty-five per cent of the workers who voted in the elections cast their ballots for union shops.

So Republican Senators Robert Taft (Ohio) and Richard Nixon (California), were among sponsors of the bill abolishing the election requirement. Taft and Nixon and their conservative friends found the tremendous votes of confidence in unions in these elections embarrassing to their anti-union backers.

Taft and Nixon were joined by such a real friend of trade unions as Senator Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) in getting the union shop bill through the Senate.

Not only will the measure help trade unions. It also will save the federal government $500,000 a year—the cost of needless NLRB elections in the past.

The proposal will be especially helpful in the building trades, where experience has shown it is next to impossible to hold union shop elections. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal funds were wasted in NLRB efforts to have union shop elections in the building trades.

Such elections are almost impossible to hold in the construction industry because building trades workers usually work for the same contractor only short periods of time.

When Wages Go Up, Prices Don't Have To Increase Too

When wages go up, prices don't necessarily have to increase too.

In a radio talk on September 7, Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston said:

"American industry normally has an increase in productivity of about 2 per cent a year—and some years much more.

"This means that a large part of wage increases—assuming that the cost of living goes up, and that this means further wage adjustments—should be absorbed without being reflected in prices."

Discussing the need for higher wages—because of higher prices caused by the weak price control law—Johnston says:

"If we held labor down and prevented workers from getting wage increases to match the rises in the cost of living brought about by weak or inadequate price controls, the chances are that we would lose rather than gain as a result of an unjust wage policy."

Johnston reminded his audience that "in every case before the wage board for increases that break policy lines, management—by itself or jointly with labor—has requested us to approve higher wages."

"I hope that my business friends will ponder this when they feel like sounding off on wage stabilization," Johnston adds.

"The policy permits wage rises to compensate for increases in consumer prices, but does not provide that all wage increases should be translated into price increases."

—LLPE

NAM and McCarthy Go Hand-in-Hand In Smear Campaign

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) supports Senator Joseph McCarthy (R., Wis.)

An editorial in the Sept. 8 issue of the "NAM News" says "McCarthyism" is "a term which yet may go down in history as one of honor and high courage."

The editorial calls McCarthy a "patriotic American" interested only in the welfare of his country.

The NAM believes that the "smoke" which McCarthy is sending up must mean that there's a "fire" in the State Department or somewhere else in the government.

But the NAM totally ignores the key fact that McCarthy's smears have been investigated, in many cases, by four different Congressional committees, including Republican-dominated ones, and have been found groundless.

The NAM also ignores McCarthy's unsavory record which includes acceptance of $10,000 from the Lustron Corporation while it was trying to get government loans, the granting of quickie divorces to political campaign contributors while a state judge and candidate for the U. S. Senate in Wisconsin, attempts to dodge Wisconsin state income taxes and a severe denunciation by the Wisconsin State Supreme Court for destroying records while a state district judge.

But, then, the record of the NAM, as all trade unionists know, is no better than McCarthy's.

—(LLPE)

ACTORS GET $80

NEW YORK (LPA).—Two AFL unions of stage people here won pay raises of $5, bringing minimum weekly salaries to $80 effective with the week of Sept. 2. The boost is based on a cost of living escalator clause in the contracts between Actors and Chorus Equity Associations and the League of New York Theaters. It applies only to Broadway productions.

Need Men of Moral Courage

San Francisco.—Concluding its introduction to its annual report to the AFL 70th Convention, the Executive Council said:

"We need, desperately, citizens with moral courage to uphold principles regardless of consequences.

"Only such citizens are fit for public service and able to use wisely the great power which our economy gives to all entrusted with authority."

A woman doesn't need to add if she can distract.

Capehart Amendment "Fraud" on Consumer, Says AFL Economist

Washington (LPA)—The Capehart amendment to the Defense Production Act is "a fraud on the American people," AFL Economist Peter Henle told a Senate Banking subcommittee Sept. 13. He said it establishes a "cost-plus system of pricing" which is "unrealistic and highly inflationary." Senator Homer E. Capehart (R., Ind.), spent more than half an hour of the committee hearing heckling Henle.

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EDITORIALS

Time to Unite Is Here

It was fifteen years ago that what was then the A. F. of L. split in two. The C. I. O. was formed as a result of this breach and ever since these two organizations have functioned separately and independently of each other. What enabled both of these organizations to grow despite the split is the fact that during these fifteen years labor unions have multiplied and increased their membership in both the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O. more rapidly than ever before, so that today the membership of each of these two offshoots of the A. F. of L. of 1935 is at least three times as large in actual members as was the combined A. F. of L. organization that split in 1936 to form these two rival organizations.

Over the years there has been much talk of these two large labor organizations merging into one. Such a move would be welcomed by the majority of union men and women in both organizations. Most of the higher officials of both organizations now advocate that this should be done. Both have appointed committees to work out the details of perfecting the merger. Hence about all that remains is to carry this proposed merger to completion. What are the two committees appointed by each of these labor bodies waiting for? Why don't they complete their job and make their completed recommendations so that the waiting membership of both organizations can complete the merger and proceed to function as one unit?

Better Get Down to Business

There is no time to lose for the men and women of organized labor in the United States if they want to save their unions from being crushed by union-wrecking legislation. It resolves itself into the simple proposition of eliminating enough of the anti-labor members of the present Congress and replacing them with pro-labor lawmakers who will reverse the present anti-labor trend in Congress.

Union-wrecking legislation which has been enacted since Franklin Roosevelt died must be repealed and replaced with legislation that will make it possible for labor unions to get a fair deal from our courts instead of being in constant danger of being mulcted out of existence.

It won't save labor to have some of their leaders and high officials talk eloquently in one breath about the dangers that confront labor and then in the next breath praise the very people who have contributed towards enacting anti-labor legislation. To change the present trend it will be necessary for the men and women of labor themselves to get into politics right now, in dead earnest. They must see to it that candidates are nominated for Congress seats, in next year's primaries, who can be depended upon to do the right thing by labor after they are elected in November.

Unless the men and women of labor get busy now to win this political battle in next year's primary elections they are not apt to have many pro-labor candidates to vote for in November.

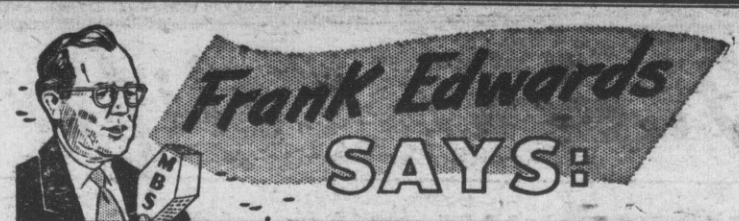
Peace Dove Ill at Ease

In practically every land on earth nearly everybody claims to be for the establishment of peace. Rarely will anybody admit they themselves are provokers of war. It is always somebody else, usually those nations with whom war is waged that are blamed for the outbreak of every war. Once a war is started nobody knows when or where it will end. What at first looked like an international quarrel of little or no consequence may spread until the whole world is embroiled in war.

Who ever dreamed, at the time it started on June 25, 1950, that the present war in Korea could drag along like it has? In the beginning it was strongly felt by both sides in this war that it would be only a flurry of arms, of short duration. Yet this war has shifted back and forth for fifteen months, with the main battle lines still stretching across the 38th parallel where the war originally started.

For three months both sides have had negotiators appointed and holding intermittent conferences at Kaesong for the announced purpose of reaching a cease fire agreement, after which we are told that an effort will be made to negotiate a peace treaty between those now engaged in this war. But the shooting still continues. Do those negotiating really want this war to end, or is it World War III they are sparring to get started?

Till now neither side seems to really want to cease firing. Till they do peace prospects seem pretty slim.



Washington, D. C.

• Tax Tyranny by Senate . . .

An examination of the Senate tax legislation shows Taft, Byrd and George of the Senate Finance Committee are at work again. New tax tables show a single person with no dependents earning $800 a year will save 60 cents per year on his income tax . . . But that same Senate formula, applied to a couple with two children with a million-dollar income . . . will save them $31,257 a year, as compared to the House formula. The loophole boys are still in business . . . producing tax benefits for the same clients—the upper-bracket group.

• Truths for Farmers . . .

While food prices at retail are still rising along with the prices of farm implements and most other necessities, the farmers are receiving less for their products. For six months in a row, the prices of farm crops have dropped. August prices on farm output are 2% below July; and while retail prices of food are up 15% since last June, the farmers are now receiving only 9% more than they were getting in June of '50. Under the phony price control law promoted by the Farm Bureau Federation and the National Grange, the farmer is assured of having to pay MORE for what he buys . . . while he gets LESS for what he sells.

• Teachers Are People . . .

Ninety teachers from four school districts of Pottsville, Pa., left their classrooms as the fall terms opened. The politicians had neglected to pay them their $300,000 worth of back salaries. The teachers receive from $2,000 to $3,800 a year . . . when they receive it. Strange that the politicians always find the money for their own salaries . . . but they sometimes forget that teachers like to eat, too.

• Miracles Do Happen . . .

Sen. Wm. Benton's (D., Conn.) amendment to the Foreign Aid bill passed the Senate. It provided benefits for the lower income groups of Europe . . . instead of permitting our funds to be used to bolster the cartel and political powers there. Senator Benton says that the unhappy truth is that in Europe the rich are getting richer and the rest of the people are getting nowhere because industrialists are indulging in the same old monopolistic practices as before the war. What Europe needs from us, said Benton, is real help for its common people and our aid in creating real free trade unions to protect them.

• Did Your Paper Carry This?

The New York Times reported that when Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin spoke before the VFW convention, he was given a round of cheers for his blast at McCarthy, and the proposal to invite McCarthy was booed by many of the VFW delegates.

JOKES, Etc.

Two glowworms met and one said to the other: "I must get a pair of glasses. I spent all last night flirting with a cigaret end!"

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Diner (tired of waiting): "Waitress, please find out if your colleague from whom I ordered a steak some time ago is still employed here."

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In filling out an application for a rather hazardous job, a man puzzled a long time over this question: "Person to notify in case of accident?" Finally he wrote: "Anybody in sight."

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The personnel manager was interviewing a man for a job.

"How long did you work in the other place?"

"Fifty-five years."

"How old are you?"

"I'm 40 years old."

"How could you work 55 years when you are only 40 years old?"

"Overtime."

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"Here is a real nice modern home," said the real estate salesman. "It has a fine kitchen, swell breakfast nook, large living room, convenient bath, two bedrooms and den."

"And den what?" queried the suspicious prospect.

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And den der was the young fellow who went coupeying with his girl . . . she did the cooing, he did the paying.

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Famous men get their heads on dollars; women are famous for getting their hands on them.

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Fenderless Frances says one-armed drivers end up as a corpse or a bridegroom.

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Uncle Remus says that a budget is a method of planned worrying.

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"The size of your bill just makes my blood boil," said the patient.

"That'll be $20 more for sterilizing your system," said the doctor.

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Li'l Gee Gee, the office vamp, says that a small town is where everybody knows whose check is good and whose husband isn't.

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Two morons were hiding in the bushes spying on a nudist camp. A naked young woman came into view and one moron nudged the other and said, "Oh, boy, some shape, eh?"

"She's all right," conceded the other. "But, man, I'd sure like to see her in a sweater."

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Neighbor Jones says that when you see some motorists put their hand out, you can be sure of one thing: The window's open.

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"I had a terrible dream last night," said Jane to her jealous friend. "I dreamed that all the animals that went to make up my furs were standing round my bed."

"How silly," said the friend, "to let a few alley cats frighten you."

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Joe Ziff advises new mothers to be strict with the offspring to enforce discipline. "If the baby cries during the night," he said, "give it a bust in the mouth."

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That's about it for now. Gotta run along to the library and read Eve's loose leaf diary about Adam.



GO WEST—Sunny California will continue to supply sights like this while northern swimmers pack their bathing suits in moth balls. The girl is Merry Anders, movie actress. (LPA).



Social security is not new to the industrial and commercial worker of the nation. They are charter members of the federal old-age and survivors' insurance system. They have had this protection since 1937; their families, and their survivors since 1939. They constitute a large part of more than four million people already receiving monthly insurance benefit payments.

What, then, does the NEW SOCIAL SECURITY mean to the survivors of these veterans of industry? Does it affect the survivors now receiving monthly benefits as well as the family of the worker who dies in the years ahead?

The answer is an emphatic "Yes—in many ways." The NEW SOCIAL SECURITY provides immediate increased benefit payments to those beneficiaries already on the insurance rolls as well as those who will become entitled in the future. It extended insurance protection to survivors of working women. In the event of death of the insured worker, monthly payments may be made to:

His children, if they are under 18 years of age.

His widow, regardless of her age, while one of the children in her care is under 18.

His widow, if or when she is 65 years old.

A former wife, divorced, if she has a child of his in her care and if he had been contributing to her support.

His dependent parents, if or when they are 65, if he had been contributing one half of their support and if he left no widow or children who could get monthly payments.

The widower of a woman worker, if he was dependent on her for at least one half his support.

In addition to monthly payments to certain of your dependents, a single lump-sum death benefit is always payable after an insured worker's death.

The following table will illustrate the amounts that may be paid to survivors

Average Monthly Wage After 1950	Widow, Widower at 65, 1 Child or Dependent Parent	Widow and 1 Child Under 18	Widow and 2 Children	Widow and 3 or More Children	Lump-sum Payment
$300.	60.	120.	150.	150.	240.
240.	53.30	106.60	142.10	150.	213.
$180.	46.50	93.00	124.10	144.00	186.00
140.	42.	84.	112.00	112.20	168.00
100.	37.50	75.00	80.00	80.10	150.00

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Your Economics and Mine—

CREDIT CONTROLS

(This is the fifth in a series of articles entitled "Your Economics and Mine," dealing with vital economic discussions of the day. The series is prepared and distributed by the California State Federation of Labor.)

Since the start of hostilities in Korea and the resulting rise in the cost of living, the buying power of the dollar has become an issue of paramount interest to the American wage earner.

Adequate price controls should form the first line of defense for the purchasing public, but price controls are not enough. They must be accompanied by higher taxes and other measures that tend to lessen the inflationary pressures of a defense economy.

Among the kindred measures, credit controls appear the most important. Essentially, they are meant to cut down the number of dollars that manufacturers can spend on non-essential equipment, businessmen on inventory, and consumers on commodities they normally buy on credit.

The power to administer most credit controls is held by the U. S. Federal Reserve System, which since its founding in 1913 has become more and more the watchdog of the U. S. dollar.

A box score of consumer credit controls as established by the Federal Reserve System follows:

BOX SCORE OF CONSUMER CREDIT CONTROLS

Item	Minimum Down Payment	Maximum Number of Months To Pay off Balance Before Aug. 1, 1951	Maximum Number of Months To Pay off Balance After Aug. 1, 1951
Automobiles	33.3%	15	18
Appliances—(refrigerators, radios, television sets, washing machines, etc.)	25%	15	18
Furniture	15%	15	18
Home Improvements	10%	30	—

If John Worker wanted to purchase a new automobile (price $2000) before credit controls went into effect, he might have paid nothing down and 40 monthly installments of $50 each plus interest.

Under present controls, John Worker would have to make a down payment of at least $666 and pay off the balance in 15 months of $88.92 plus interest.

Thus, it was obviously easier for a consumer in the middle or lower income brackets to purchase an automobile before the coming of credit controls than at the present time.

In a defense economy the shifts in manufacturing emphasis make articles like automobiles scarce and anything that could increase such scarcity would inevitably bring higher and higher prices for such commodities. Thus, elimination of controls would worsen the inflationary spiral.

EFFECT ON HOUSING

Similarly, the purpose of credit controls on housing is to lessen the demand for new housing construction as well as existing homes.

For example, the amount that can be borrowed on units having a value of more than $2500, but not more than $5000, is limited to 90 per cent, and the higher the value of the property the lower the percentage that can be borrowed.

Many families that could rave afforded the purchase of a home prior to the passage of this regulation will now be compelled to postpone the purchase.

It has been argued that such control measures are too severe and have produced excessive inventories and unemployment.

In response to such criticisms, Congress has recently sent to the President for signature a measure allowing greatly liberalized credit terms for homes costing $12,000 or less.

This Congressional sensitiveness is undoubtedly due in part to the fact that all consumer credit controls, and particularly those on low cost housing, are discriminatory since they affect only the low and middle income groups.

The wealthy are not hampered by regulations requiring higher down payments and shorter periods in which to dispose of the balance. Thus, without adequate safeguards, the demand for scarce commodities might be reduced at the expense of further lowering the living standard of the wage earner and his family.

It was apparently with such dangers in mind that Congress secured changes in the Federal Reserve system controls effective August 1, 1951.



Demand Top Posts In Military Setup For Labor Men

San Francisco (LPA) — Labor representation right at the top in the military agencies of government was demanded here by Joseph D. Keenan, secretary-treasurer of the AFL Building Trades Dept.

Keenan, who also is top labor representative on the National Production Authority, voiced the demand in a militant address as guest speaker before the Metal Trades Dept. convention.

"It makes my blood boil," he declared, "when I read about the appointment of secretaries in the different departments of government. If there ever should be a labor man anywhere it should be as Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Navy, because 50 per cent of the things done in the Navy are done by working people. There isn't anyone any better qualified to sit down and discuss conditions in the Navy Yard than a labor man. But what do they do? They go out and pick lawyers, bankers and professors, none of whom are acquainted with practical conditions in the Navy or what the Navy does.

"The same thing is true of the Air Corps. You must have mechanics to build airplanes—and good ones. Consequently, if there ever should be a labor man anywhere he should be an assistant in the Air Corps. That goes for the Army, Maritime Commission, or any other agency of government, such as the Interior Department or any other department.

"I think we ought to go out of this convention, and all of our conventions, demanding important places, because until this is done we won't get the efficiency that is necessary.

"With the experience of World War II behind us, we will be sitting on the sidelines allowing them to kick us all over the lot. Let's take the offensive."

Urge Label League For Every U.S. City

San Francisco — A Union Label League in every city in America.

That goal was proposed to the 43rd annual convention of the AFL Union Label Trades Department by the department's executive board.

"We urge all AFL affiliated unions to augment our effort to establish Union Label Leagues in every city in America," the board said. "The work of Union Label Leagues will be expanded under our expanded activities and we are desirous of having them formed in cities where there are none at the present time.

"In many cities the leagues sponsor and publish a local Union Label Directory or Consumer's Guide in order to direct union-earned money into the cash registers of 'fair' merchandisers, manufacturers and service establishments."

The board pointed out that a city Union Label League is composed of five regularly-accredited delegates from each affiliated local labor union in good standing with their AFL national and international unions. A Union Label League receives its charter directly from the Union Label Trades Department.

The principal objective of the league is to promote a greater demand for products bearing the union label and for services designated by the shop card or union button.

"During the past year within the entire labor movement greater enthusiasm has been shown for union labels, shop cards and union buttons," the board said.

It pointed to the largest-attended (924,857 people) Union Industries Show ever held (Chicago last May), and the most widely celebrated Union Label Week, Sept. 2-8, in history.

Authoritative rulings on request for pay increases under wage stabilization regulations are made by federal wage-hour offices.



CARPENTERS TO BUILD McGUIRE MEMORIAL—AFL Carpenters at Camden, N. J., plan to erect a $100,000 memorial to the union's first president and founder of Labor Day, Peter J. McGuire, at site of his grave in Pennsauken Cemetery. On Labor Day, 1951, at Mr. McGuire's grave, AFL Organizer D. J. Healey placed wreath as Mr. McGuire's three daughters and great grandson watched. L. to R., Mrs. Katherine Caya, Lillian and Myrtle McGuire, Mr. Healey, and Wallace Rossell, grandson.

BEWARE OF TRICKS PULLED BY SOME CREDIT STORES

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
for Labor Press Associated

When business gets poor, as it is in the furniture trade right now, installment credit sellers start using high-pressure sales tactics to induce moderate income families to buy their low-quality goods at high prices on "easy" credit terms.

One of the most prominent tricks is to advertise that the trade-in allowance on your old refrigerator or other merchandise will cover the down payment on a new purchase. However, in many cases, enforcement authorities have found that customers were not given as much trade-in allowance as the ads had led them to expect, and in some cases no trade-in at all was allowed.

Another trick of unscrupulous installment sellers (known in the trade as "shlag" stores) is to advertise a set of furniture at what seems a very low price. But when you go in to buy the advertised special, you immediately become the victim of a drive to trade you up to higher-priced merchandise. The advertised special itself is known in the trade as the "nausea" suite because it comes in ugly colors and styles. But the price is cheap. If you should insist on buying it, the salesman will call another man who is a specialist at getting rid of cranks who try to buy what the store has advertised. This specialist is known as the "T. O." (turn-over) man. If you're ever in a situation like this, and you hear one salesman say to another, "This customer wants to buy the Burnside suite," that's your cue that you're going to get some rough treatment. In the shlag store "Burnside" means the customer is "burning up"—sore, angry.

If you still insist on buying the advertised special, the salesman may take a deposit. But some days later you are likely to get a call that the furniture has been lost in transit and the money is being refunded.

The tipoff to "shlag" tactics and fake sales is a salesman's attempt to switch you to other merchandise. When you find the salesman disparaging the special, whether it's one of those "rebuilt" vacuum cleaners widely advertised at $15-$20, or other household equipment, get out of that store.

Another type of spurious bargain is jewelry, watches and silverware on credit. Some jewelry manufacturers put above-normal price tags on watches, etc., and everybody of course sells below these prices. But some retailers — especially credit jewelers—use the fictitious list prices as a claim of higher value. The Federal Trade Commission in recent years has issued a number of "cease and desist" orders on such claims.

But the most heartless gouge in the credit jewelry trade is that perpetrated by firms who send out salesmen to visit factories and docks to sell the men on the spot. Two big Eastern credit firms recently had injunctions slapped on them to curb misrepresentations made by their canvassers. In one case, Stewart's Credit Co., of Brooklyn, was compelled to repay thousands of dollars the court said had been "fraudulently" collected "from residents of poor neighborhoods in connection with the trick sale of watches and jewelry."

It was charged that the firm's salesmen induced people to sign "receipts" for overpriced watches which the victims had been told they could take home for "inspection." The "receipts" turned out to be purchase contracts providing for collection of exorbitant sums by use of wage assignments. Stewart's alone had filed more than 8,000 copies of such wage assignments. Many of the "receipts" were in blank so the sums to be collected might be filled in later at the discretion of the seller. Reluctance by the purchaser to pay the exorbitant prices usually resulted in enforced collections by the firm from the victims' wages, under the terms of the contracts they unknowingly had signed.

The shame is that it took almost ten years for the authorities to catch up with this firm. This writer had reported on the activities of this very same firm in 1941 in a series of newspaper articles. There are many more such unscrupulous credit salesmen operating throughout the country.

There are three important policies for every moderate income family to follow in order to avoid getting caught in such situations:

1. Buy for cash only. You always get the lowest price that way. If there is something essential for which you can't wait to accumulate the cash, don't go to an installment store; borrow the cash from your credit union or a regular commercial bank, and go shopping for the lowest price, not the easiest terms.

2. Read a sales contract before you sign, if you should buy on credit. The difference between an honest store or salesman, and an unscrupulous one, is that the ethical dealer will let you take all the time you need to study the contract, even take it home first if you wish, while the credit shark rushes you or tells you it isn't necessary to read the contract.

3. Compare prices elsewhere. Always shop at least three stores before you make an expensive purchase like furniture or jewelry, to see which offers both the lowest price for the item, and the lowest credit fee for buying in installments if that is necessary.

The Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act sets an age minimum of 16 for boys and 18 for girls working on government contract goods.

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EAST COAST DIGNITARIES: l. to r., B. A. Gritta, Secretary-Treasurer of the Metal Trades Dept., Washington, D. C.; Eddie Carlough, Secretary of the Intl. Sheet Metal Workers Union; Mrs. Peter W. Eller, and P. W. Eller, Chairman, Board of Governors, Building Trades Employers Association.



BLACKSMITHS: A group of Blacksmiths, whose union recently merged with the Boilermakers, is shown at the Metal Trades convention. L. to r., George Edgeton, international representative; John Pelkofer, President of the Brotherhood; and J. J. Harrington, international representative from San Francisco.



Interested delegates at the Building Trades opening session, l. to r., Joe Cambiano, Carpenters Intl. Rep.; C. R. Bartalini, Sec. Bay District Council of Carpenters; Al Smith, Intl. Veep of Plasterers and Cement Finishers, and Otto Never, President California State Building and Construction Trades Council.



BOILERMAKERS: Shown above is a group of Boilermaker and Blacksmith delegates and international representatives at the Metal Trades Dept. convention. L. to r., Wm. J. Buckley, International Secretary; E. V. Blackwell, Los Angeles; Wm. McConnell, Seattle; Cotton Murray, Phoenix; J. J. Harrington of the S. F. Blacksmiths; Ed Rowan, district representative, and Tom Crowe, executive assistant to Boilermakers' President Chas. J. MacGowan.



L. to R.: Dan Del Carlo, secy.-treas., S. F. Building Trades Council; Joseph V. Moreschi, president of the Hod Carriers' Building and Common Laborers Union of America, and Joe Murphy, intl. repr. of the Hod Carriers and Laborers and vice-president, board of publishers, of "Organized Labor."

People's Protests May Get A Better Price Control Law

(LLPE Release)

Congress is taking a second look at the phony price control bill it passed last July.

There's a chance that Congress may improve the law a little before it adjourns for the year early in October.

Senators and Representatives are jittery about the price control legislation.

Representatives, back in Washington after a two-week vacation, heard from the people while they were home. The mail Senators have been getting is full of protests from workers and housewives.

Congressmen realize that price controls will be a big issue in the 1952 elections. They remember what President Truman did to the 80th Congress in the 1948 campaign.

So, Congress takes another look at price controls. Here's the story:

TRUMAN'S REQUESTS

On Aug. 23 President Truman asked Congress to make three changes in the price control bill:

First, the President urged Congress to repeal the amendment sponsored by Senator Homer Capehart (R., Ind.), which lets businessmen raise their prices whenever they want to.

Secondly, Truman called for repeal of an amendment written by Rep. A. S. Herlong (D., Fla.), which allows every price increase by manufacturers to snowball into much greater increases in retail stores.

Finally, the President asked for repeal of an amendment sponsored by Senator Hugh Butler (R., Nebr.), and Rep. Clifford Hope (R., Kans.), which makes it impossible to hold down the price of meat.

SENATE HEARINGS

The Senate Banking and Currency Committee held hearings on Truman's requests on Aug. 30 and 31. Defense Mobilizer Charles Wilson, Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston and Price Stabilizer Mike Di Salle testified.

Wilson, Johnston and DiSalle warned the Senators that if they did not make the three changes in the law before Congress adjourns in October prices would shoot up by the end of the year.

HOUSE HEARINGS

Chairman Brent Spence (D., Ky.), of the House Banking and Currency Committee announced on Aug. 30 that his group probably would hold hearings on Truman's requests soon after Representatives got back from their vacations on Sept. 12.

The House Banking Committee turned out a better bill last summer than the measure okayed by the Senate committee. But it is doubtful whether the House group will do much more now.

Money in Sex

In London, England, union models who display their legs and bosoms to advertise everything from cigarettes to automobiles found no takers when they pooled their money and offered five-to-one odds that they could prove officials of the Advertising Association of Great Britain wrong. The Advertising Association officials had announced that if all "sexy ads" were stopped there would be no decline in the sales of any product. One of the shapliest models commented, "Those guys are pushovers—I mean they **would** be for making such a bet. To take just one example, do you imagine there would be no decline in business for the photographic and printing companies that produce pin-up pictures?"

NO RAISE, NO OVERTIME

Milwaukee (LPA).—No overtime work without an increase in pay—that's the program for county employees as outlined by the Government Workers Union. An increase of $75 monthly is sought for the rest of 1951 followed by a $30 cost of living boost Jan. 1.

Tune in Frank Edwards!



CANCER VICTIM—Ralph Thierwechter Jr., 4, son of a member of the Reading (Penn.) local of the AFL Retail Clerks, died on Labor Day of cancer. More than $6000 had been collected for treatment of the boy in a campaign started by The New Era, Reading AFL paper. Bob Gerhart, New Era editor, says the paper will continue to raise funds for the Pennsylvania Cancer Society in the name of the "Ralphie Cancer Fund." (LPA).

WSB Industry Group Groans About Cost Of Living Pay Hikes

Washington (LPA)—The Wage Stabilization Board, with industry members dissenting, on Aug. 24 formally issued its new ruling permitting pay raises to match increases in the cost of living.

The six industry members of the board declared that escalator clauses tying wages to the cost of living were inflationary and not based on "sound economic principles." They said that if wages are permitted to chase prices, prices then will chase wages, and this would lead to "a mad, ruinous race to our national economic downfall." They asked the majority of the board—the labor and public members—to tear up the new ruling "if it proves to contribute substantially to inflation."

Meanwhile, in Detroit, Pres. Walter P. Reuther of the United Auto Workers said his members would be "far better off with a real rollback in prices" than with cost of living wage increases. The Auto Workers only a few hours earlier had been handed an automatic one cent hourly wage increase, effective Sept. 1, because of an increase in living costs between mid-June and mid-July. Reuther said his union "cannot view this latest increase with satisfaction because it simply reflects continued inflation which Congress still is unwilling to check."

Veterans are eligible for apprentice training programs, says the U. S. Bureau of Apprenticeship.

AFL Membership Hits New Peak

San Francisco.—Membership in the American Federation of Labor stands at a new record peak of:

7,846,245.

This is 703,642 more than in 1950 and is the sixth consecutive year to top seven million. The previous high was $7,577,716 in 1947.

All figures are the total on which per capita tax is paid by affiliated unions.

Millinery Workers Win $5 Week Hike

Chicago (LPA)—Union millinery workers in this city won weekly wage increases of $5 in negotiations headed by Alex Rose, president of the AFL United Hatters, Cap & Millinery Workers, with the Midwestern Millinery Association. Piece workers got boosts of 5 and 6 per cent in the cost-of-living agreement retroactive to July 16. Similar gains were won in St. Louis and New York.

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BARBERS 896—Meets 3rd Wednesday at Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres., L. L. Taylor, 610 Lighthouse, Pacific Grove; Sec., A. H. Thompson, 391 Prescott St., Monterey, phone 5-4745.

BARTENDERS 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., 3rd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Pres., Robt. S. Harrington, 823 Kimball St., Seaside. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Royal E. Hallmark. Office at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5-6734.

BRICK MASONS 18—Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8:30 p.m. Pres., F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 264, Watsonville; Fin. Sec., M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, phone 5-6743; Rec. Sec., Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 5-3715; Bus. Agent, S. M. Thomas, office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., William K. Grubbs, 76 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove; Rec. Sec., Harry Foster. Box 424, Marina, phone Mont. 2-3002. Office at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5-6744. Office hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BUTCHERS 506 (Monterey Branch)—Meets 1st Tuesday, Eagles Hall, New Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Kenneth Winchester, Seaside; Rec. Sec., Vernon Roberts, 1280 Del Monte Ave., Monterey; Exec. Sec., Earl A. Moorhead; Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1897 Ellen Ave., ph. CYpress 5-3849; San Jose Office at Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa St., ph. CYpress 2-0252.

CALIF. BUILDING & CONSTR. TRADES COUNCIL—Pres., Otto S. Never; Secy.-Treas., Tom Harvey. Main office 474 Valencia St., San Francisco 3 UNderhill 3-0363. Monterey vice-pres., L. T. Long, 117 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Secretary and Legislative Representative, 402 Flood Bldg., 870 Market St., San Francisco 2, phone SUtter 1-2838. **District Vice-Pres., Thomas A. Small.** Office at 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo, phone DIamond 4-7609.

CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., H. R. Shreve, 406 Alvarado; Fin. Sec., R. A. Dalton, 864 Congress, P. G., phone 2-4314; Rec. Sec., Leo Thiltgen, 12 Serrano Way, phone 2-0335; B. A., Tom Eide, office, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, phone 5-6726; home phone 2-3022.

CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Meets 2nd Tuesday, alternating between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, King City, 8 p.m. Pres., Harvey Baldwin, ph. Salinas 9293; V. Pres., Geo. Colby, ph. Santa Cruz 6095; Sec.-Treas., Leo Thiltgen, ph. Monterey 5-6726; office, 462A Main St., Watsonville, ph. 4-9403.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (Monterey Peninsula)—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Nels Pederson, phone 2-5062; Sec. Treas., Andrew Butrica, 452 Hannon, phone 5-4055.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday, 691 Lighthouse, 7:30 p.m. Pres., J. W. Abraham, 138 19th, P. G., phone 5-4536; Fin. Sec., M. N. Irwin, ph. 2-0493; Sec. Sec., V. Perez, phone 2-0517; B.A., LeRoy Hasley, Forest and Morse Sts., P. G., phone 5-4632.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Parajo, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec. Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone UNderhill 1-1135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS—Meets on call at headquarters. Pres., Joseph Perry, 1 Lilac Road, phone 5-4276. Sec. Roy Humbert, 122 18th St., Pacific Grove, phone 2-5164. Bus. Agt., Les Caveny, Box 215, Seaside, phone 2-4023. Headquarters: 320 Hoffman Ave., phone 2-4571.

FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St.; Sec. and Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., phone 2-3713. Office and hall at 237 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

LABORERS 690—Meets 1st and 3rd Tues., 315 Alvarado St., 8 p.m. Pres., Wilbert Wheeler, 35 Laurel, Pacific Grove. Secy. and Bus. Agent, S. M. Thomas, 519 Hamilton. Office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-8744.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Bx. 512, Watsonville, ph. 4-6262; Sec. and B. A., Ronald Hodges, Wilson, Salinas, ph. 22906.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p. m., Bartenders Hall; Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley, Pacific Grove, phone 5-6569; Sec., Dortis Lake, 404 Park Ave., Pacific Grove.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets 1st Sunday of each quarter, 2 p. m., Bartenders Hall. Pres., Don Snell, 161 Lighthouse; Bus. Agt., Lin Murray, 296 Alvarado St.; Sec., Don B. Forster, 140 Forest Ave., phone 5-6166.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Jack Shannon; Fin. Sec. and B.A., Fred E. Ask, 230 Montecito, phone 5-5864; office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5-6744.

PLASTERERS & CEMENT MASONS 337—Meets 1st Friday, 8 p.m., 315 Alvarado St. Pres., S. Bruno, 150 John St.; Sec., Jose D. Mondragon, 272 Paine St., phone 5-6670; Bus. Rep., S. M. Thomas, P. O. Box 142. Office, 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, 8 p. m. Pres., Gerald L. Walton, 334 Maple Ave., phone 2-6719; Rec. Sec., Paul P. Hazdovac, P. O. Box 11, Carmel; Fin. Secy. and Acting Bus. Agt., 308 19th St., Pacific Grove, phone 2-2611.

POST OFFICE CLERKS 1292—Meets last Thursday of month, Rm. 6, P.O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m. Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. G.; phone 2-5213; Sec. and B.A., Dick Miller, 202 Via Del Rey, phone 5-6292; mail to Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Geo. Sakols, 701 Ocean View, Pacific Grove; Sec. and B.A., Fred O. Davis, 240 Plateau Ave., S. Cruz, phone 4330-R.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Castroville and Watsonville. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opfer, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets on call. Pres., Don Thompson, 416 Park, Salinas; V. Pres., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson, Monterey; Sec., Fred Clayson, 70 Robley Rd., Salinas, ph. 3045.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 9:30 a.m. Pres., Shedo Russo, 457 Clay St., Monterey, ph. 2-4472; Rec. Sec., A. H. Finley, ph. Salinas 2-2261; Fin. Sec., H. E. Packard, Bx. 584, Watsonville, ph. 4-5610; Bus. Agt., Ray A. Beck, 513 McKenzie St., Watsonville, ph. 4-6127.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Thursday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray Burditt. Sec., Peter A. Andrade, 274 E. Alisal St.; Bus. Agt., Glenn Wilkerson Office, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey phone 2-0124.

Local 483 Reports

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PARK DRIVE-IN SIGNS CONTRACT

After four years of negotiations, officials of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 and operators of the Park Drive Inn have finally agreed on a union contract and the restaurant now is fully union for the first time and is entitled to the patronage of members of all unions.

Secretary Royal E. Hallmark of Local 483 met with the employers of the drive-in early last week and presented the contract which finally was signed. Nine employees of the restaurant have become members of the union.

Signing the contract for the employers was Miss Aileen B. Newell. Other proprietors are the Misses Young, Carter and Hoff.

Hallmark said, in explaining the new contract: "It took us four years to get a meeting and a signed contract with the Park Drive Inn. Now, however, the place is being operated as a 100 per cent union house and all union members should patronize the restaurant."

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IMPORTANT

At our next evening meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 8:30, Local 483 will have a distinguished visitor. Attending the meeting and expected to speak briefly will be J. H. Morgan, of San Jose, district vice president for the California State Council of Culinary Workers and Bartenders.

Morgan will explain actions of recent conventions in the state and will answer questions in regard to the state council.

All members are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

PIGGY-PIGGY!

All our members are reminded to play "Piggy-Piggy" with us—you put your spare coins in the piggy-bank in the union office window, and we'll use this money to buy more and better refreshments to be served after each night membership meeting. The more fat in the pig—the better the feast!

We have been asked what would happen to any money in the pig which was in excess of that needed for refreshments at the meetings. It has been decided that any surplus in the refreshment fund will be set aside to help finance a big dance and party for our membership. Further details on this plan later.

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The decision has been received in the arbitration case of Local 483 and Cerrito's Restaurant. Notice will be posted for the membership or printed in this column in a short time. The decision is now being reviewed by our union's attorney.

State Sales Taxes Jump 300 Per Cent

Last year states got most of their money from sales taxes.

The Census Bureau reported on Aug. 29 that all 48 states collected nearly $9 billion in taxes in the year ending last June 30. A fifth of that amount, $2 billion, was from sales taxes.

In 1940 state sales taxes amounted to a half billion dollars. Today, at $2 billion, they are four times what they were 10 years ago.

Sales taxes are the worst possible kind of taxes. They hit the ordinary fellow right where it hurts. But the rich guy hardly notices them.

Economy Is Good—For Everyone Else, U.S. Senators Say

Washington (LPA) — Economy-minded Senators go all out to clip federal agencies and public welfare projects, but when it comes to cutting their own expenses, including the elimination of free haircuts, that's another story.

The Senate Sept. 14 voted down moves to do away with free haircuts and Capitol chauffeurs even though it won't permit such luxuries in other government agencies. Justifying the Senate's stand on haircuts, Senator Carl Hayden (D., Ariz.), quoted the late Senator William E. Borah (R., Idaho), who said years ago he wanted free haircuts continued because "I want the same service received here by Henry Clay and John C. Calhoun."

Both economy proposals were offered as the Senate considered legislation giving Congress nearly $74 million for operating funds this year. The bill passed.

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Mann Dinner Sellout Looms; Get Tix Now!

With publicity only a week old and with invitations sent only to a few key people and unions, interest in the Nov. 2 testimonial dinner to honor James T. Mann, 37-year-veteran of Watsonville labor movement, has reached such a point that sponsors are wondering already if there will be enough seating for all who want to attend.

Because of the call for tickets, the Watsonville Labor Council and its Dinner Committee have sent 100 tickets to the Watsonville Chamber of Commerce, have placed another 100 on sale at the Labor Temple in Watsonville, and have designated Bill Pedigo, representative of the Labor Press, to take orders for tickets as he makes his rounds.

Although the event is more than a month away, the ticket sale has been brisk and reservations have been plentiful, according to reports. All union members and officials are invited to attend, with their wives. No. 1 ticket has already been presented to Mann.

The dinner party will be held at Loma Linda, near Watsonville, and will include a very short speaking program in honor of Bro. Mann, who retires next month, and special entertainment followed by dancing. Cost has been reduced to $3.50 per person.

Radio and newspaper publicity for the affair has been unusually good and numerous public officials and commerce and industry leaders who have had relationships with Mann have asked for tickets.

Guests invited thus far include Mrs. Frank C. MacDonald, wife of the late president of the State Building Trades Council; T. A. Small, district vice president of the State Federation of Labor; Joseph Cambiano, international representative for union Carpenters, and others.



LOVELY SINGER—CBS-TV Vocalist Barbara Benson has been singing since she was 3 years old. She's featured on the Sammy Kaye Show. (LPA).

XMAS PARTY PLANS START AT SALINAS

Arrangements are being made now for the annual Kiddies Christmas Party at the Salinas High School shortly before Christmas under auspices of the Christmas Party Committee of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas.

Fund raising steps are being taken now and first public event in connection with the Christmas Party will be a general dance at the Salinas Armory on Saturday night, Nov. 10. The dance will be in honor of Armistice Day, and a prominent local eight-piece band will play.

John Mattos, secretary of Laborers Union 272, is handling tickets for the dance.

Heading the Christmas Party Committee are R. Fenchel, of Laborers 272, chairman, and A. J. Clark, secretary of the Labor Council, secretary-treasurer.

Fenchel said that toys to be given by Santa Claus to the expected crowd of 2000 youngsters have been ordered already. Fruit, candy and nuts will be ordered shortly, and a circus-type stage show will be arranged.

The annual A. F. of L. Christmas Parties in Salinas are known as the biggest such labor-sponsored affairs in the state. Overflow crowds always attend.

Canning Firms Grant Increase To Workers Here

Approval of increases of 3 to 9 cents per hour beyond the 10 per cent formula of the Wage Stabilization Board have been put into effect at Spiegl Farms Co. and Dempsey-Hudson food processing plant in Salinas, according to General Teamsters Union 890.

Union Secy. Peter A. Andrade said the increases are effective as of March 1 and bring contract wage rates to parity with those paid elsewhere in the state for cannery workers and food processing plant employees.

Payrolls are being checked now by the plants and checks covering retroactive pay will be ready for employees within a short time, the union added.

What Sardines?

Officials of unions connected with the sardine fishing and canning industries of Monterey's famed Cannery Row replied with a succinct "What sardines?" last weekend when asked how the sardine pack was progressing. The officials said no sardines are being caught locally, only a few are being brought in from southern waters. Some tuna and a few local anchovies are being packed but otherwise Cannery Row is quiet, they added.

Carp. Council Meets Oct. 9

Next meeting of the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters will be held Tuesday night, Oct. 9, at the Santa Cruz Veterans Hall, according to Council President Harvey Baldwin, who also is business manager of Salinas Carpenters Union 925.

Baldwin said that several important matters have been scheduled for the council session. Santa Cruz Local 829 is host local but has not announced any plans for the meeting.

Screwy Wet Wash

In New York City, the State Labor Relations Board faced the screwiest problem in its history after it set a date for an election among employees of a Chinese wet wash laundry. The board found itself forced to order an election between an AFL and a CIO union even though neither wanted to appear on the ballot.

Food Costs Increase $72 in Year

It costs a family of three $72 more a year to eat now than in 1950.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics (BAE) reported on August 31 that food to feed a family of three with "average" appetites cost $653 a year in terms of July, 1950, prices and $725 at July, 1951, prices.

In 1935-39 it cost $341 a year to feed a family of three. Thus, food prices have more than doubled since the start of World War II.

In the first year of the Korean war, from June, 1950, to July, 1951:

Beef increased from 76 to 85 cents a pound, or 12 per cent.

Pork went up from 41 to 45 cents a pound, or 11 per cent.

Butter shot up from 70 to 79 cents a pound, or 14 per cent.

American cheese increased from 55 to 63 cents a pound, or 16 per cent.

Milk went up from 19 to 22 cents a quart, or 15 per cent.

Eggs, from 46 to 55 cents a dozen, or 41 per cent.

White bread, from 15 to 16 cents a pound loaf, or 12 per cent.

And, because Congress passed a weak price control bill, food prices are going up still more in the next year.—(LLPE)

Schools Periled By Substandard Pay for Teachers

Grand Rapids, Mich. — President Truman told the convention of the American Federation of Teachers here the free world must guard against subversion. John M. Eklund, the AFL union's president, said teachers must be better paid to stay on the job during war emergencies.

"We want peace and will work for it," Truman said in his message, urging a coordinated military, economic and industrial effort to "deter the aggressor." "We in the free world must also make sure," he said, "that in defending freedom from external attack we promote its strength against internal subversion or disintegration. Peace and freedom depend on collective measures of this sort."

Eklund said 500,000 teachers quit for higher pay in defense industries during World War II, and "that will happen again unless the welfare of instructors is considered."

MACHINISTS HAVE 700,000 MEMBERS

Washington (LPA)—Buttressing its claim to being the fastest growing union, the International Association of Machinists announced that it now has 700,000 members. It represents 70 per cent of the aircraft industry and within the past two years became the bargaining agent for scores of plants never before organized, its weekly, The Machinist, pointed out.

Big Restaurant Due for Salinas

Ground was being cleared in the Valley Center area of Salinas last week for a proposed $75,000 drive-in restaurant which is expected to be constructed very soon, union officials announced. The construction is to be financed by Mrs. Richmond, owner of a downtown Salinas ladies' apparel store. Details of her plans for the restaurant have not been disclosed as yet, officials said.

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